2. Preference is given to Muslim applicants in the matter of appointment as far as possible.

3. Stipends and scholarships have been specially provided for in the Code exclusively for Muslims.

Cochinites who served in the army during the Great War.

111. Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—Will the Government be pleased to State:—(a) how many Cochinites served in the army during the Great War of 1914;

(b) how many of them were dead while on active service and how many returned disabled?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a) & (b) Government have no information.

Article in the Ezhuthassan Paper about election at Kunnamulam.

112. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

1. has the attention of the Government been drawn to the articles published in the "Ezhuthassan", dated 17th Edavam 1106 (31st May 1931), under the heading "കുന്നംകുളം ഇലക്ഷൻ ബഹളങ്ങൾ" "പൊല്ലീസ്സു കമ്മീഷണർ അവർകളുടെ ശ്രദ്ധക്ക്" and in 'Mahati', dated 16th Mithunam 1106 and (30th May 1931) "കുന്നംകുളത്തിലെ കൊള്ള രുതായ്മകൾ";

2. was it a fact that there was great rowdysm as stated therein;

3. was any enquiry made; if so, with what result; if not, why not;

4. did the District Magistrate get any request for protection from certain persons; if so, how many petitions have been received and what actions were taken; who were the applicants?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—1. Yes.

2. No.

3. The matter is *sub-judice*.

4. Vide answer to sub-division 3.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—The gentleman insulted was a Government officer of the status of a Registrar. Did the Government call for any report from the Registrar?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Sir, I have no information

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—I asked, 'was any inquiry made' and am told that 'the matter is sub-judice'. What is the matter?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—No matter has been inquired into and I cannot give anything more than what is given here, as the whole matter is sub-judicated.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—What is sub-judicated?

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Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—The whole petition is before the District Magistrate and he is inquiring into it.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—If there has not been any rowdysm what is the inquiry for?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—The fact may be otherwise. There was some allegation according to the petition and that is being inquired into by the District Magistrate Before inquiring into, how can the Government know that there was any rowdysm? There has been some inquiry already conducted by the police and they found that there was no rowdysm at all. There has been some complaint and that is being inquired into. We cannot say anything more.

Canal—Nadama Village.

113. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(1) has the Government received a petition, dated 29th Edavam 1104, from a large number of inhabitants of Nadama village with reference to the urgent necessity for opening a canal from the Eastern Nedumgapuzha up to the Panankutti puzha in Nadama village ;

(2) has the Government taken any action in the matter ;

(3) is the Government aware that the opening of the canal will prevent the destruction of crops raised in nearly 2,000 paras of paddy land by annual inundation of floods ;

(4) is the enquiry in connection with the same over ;

(5) if over, what is their conclusion ;

(7) if not over, will the Government be pleased to expedite the same ;

(7) will the Government be pleased to place on the Council table the petition referred to above and the correspondence in connection with the same ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) Yes.

(2) Yes.

(3) The matter is under enquiry.

(4) No.

(5) No.

(6) Yes.

(7) Government regret that the correspondence cannot be placed on the table at this stage, since it is incomplete.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—May I know the nature of the inquiry that is going on?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The Diwan Peishkar and the Registrar of Panchayats have been ordered to watch what the extent of the damage is during the monsoon season?

Mr. P. Raman Menon—May I know further at what time the inquiry will be over?

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